



GOD & LOVE

If You Were

If you were busy being kind,
Before you knew it, you would find
You'd soon forget to think 'twas true
That some one was unkind to you.
If you were busy being glad,
And cheering people who are sad,
Although your heart might ache a bit,
You'd soon forget to notice it.

If you were busy being good,
And doing just the best you could,
You'd not have time to blame some man
Who's doing just the best he can.
If you were busy being right,
You'd find yourself too busy quite
To criticize your neighbor long
Because he's busy being wrong.

—The Continent.

THE GROUND OF

EPH. 2:20

1 TIM. 3:15

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“And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place.” Acts 2:1. “And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.” Acts 2:4.

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Notices

Notice to Y. P. E. Presidents: The Assembly will soon be here, as you know, and we are making plans for a great time in the Lord. We are sure that the Lord will be with us if we do our part. As usual we will have our early morning meetings. Tuesday and Wednesday mornings will be given over to the state presidents to give a report of the work in their state. These meetings will be held from 7:00 a. m. until 8:30 a. m.

This gives one hour and a half for our service each morning in the week. If you want to give a report of your state work, please send us just a card so we can know how to arrange our programs. These early morning meetings have been growing in interest each year and we feel that the program we have outlined for this year will be very helpful to those who attend. Other interesting things are being prepared for you also. Bring your alarm clock and tell the Lord that if He could make such a sacrifice for you that surely you can arise a little early, if it will be a benefit to His great cause. The auditorium upstairs should be packed every morning. Will your place be vacant? We

trust that the parents will co-operate with us in seeing that the young people come to these meetings. Also come with them. It will do you good.

We believe that you will enjoy the Sunday evening program also. We wish we could place all our good talent on this program, but you know it will be impossible to do so, and we are doing our very best to please you. If you have not been placed on it please pray for those who have and for those who have this in charge.

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Evangelism in the Church, "Go Ye"

P. W. HADSOCK

IN the creative act of God He set into operation certain laws governing all creation and for all time. Since then these certain laws have never failed to function, thereby holding in tuck the continuous work of creation up to the present hour. There is a divine law that governs every particular form of creation, including life in every phase. It is the proper function of these governing laws upon the different forms and phases of life that continues the production of new or continued life. One part of creation is dependent upon certain other parts of creation, to a certain extent, for continuation and life.

It is according to this divine plan and order that Jesus intended His Church to operate in the world. In the sixteenth chapter of St. Mark, Jesus gave orders to those to whom He had intrusted the responsibility of carrying on after His departure. These orders included two duties; namely, "GO YE" and "PREACH THE GOSPEL". The service of baptism and signs following was dependent upon the acceptance of the gospel preached, which, of course, is the ultimate result of faith. In His commission, Jesus placed upon the church the responsibility of evangelizing the whole world, that is, reach with the gospel message every creature. This responsibility has not yet been lifted from the church, for all (every creature) have not yet heard the message, and the greater the claim for divine acceptance by the church, the greater this responsibility is intensified.

THE TASK PERFORMED

The Apostle Paul in his letter to the Ephesians clearly states God's plan for the work of the church. "But unto everyone of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, EVANGELISTS; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ. Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ." Eph. 4:7, 11-13.

The position of evangelist is in the divine plan of God for the church, parallel in rank to that of pastor or teacher, and is to play an equal part in the ministry of the church. A man may be an ordained bishop in the church but render

service in evangelistic work. His qualifications as a minister are not lessened by his being so engaged. Paul's admonition to Timothy was, "But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry." 2 Tim. 4:5.

The work of evangelism is, first, to reach the unreached. But there is a work of evangelism in the church that can be easily neglected. If then the position and work of the evangelist is in the divine plan of God as that of pastor and teacher, God's plan also includes ways and means whereby the evangelist may serve in the church. It is a tragedy for qualified ministers to be crowded off the evangelistic field due to lack of proper co-operation upon the part of the stationed pastors. Every God-called preacher should be on the field today, and if I understand my Bible this is possible, if God's plan is properly carried out. This includes, first, co-operation on the part of overseers and pastors in arranging for meetings; second, financial co-operation.

The Church of God was born in a flaming fire of evangelism and this fire has steadily burned on till this day, but there may be some discrepancies that could be eliminated, mainly in the administration of financial distribution.

THE FINANCIAL SYSTEM OF THE CHURCH

I wish to call attention to the 1934 General Assembly Minutes, page 130 and 131, under caption, "Financial System." God surely inspired the forming of the church's financial system as worked out by those intrusted with the task. "Let the tithe of tithes be sent to Headquarters. Let the remaining nine-tenths be used for the support of the overseers of states, district overseers, pastors and OTHER MINISTERS whose service may be engaged, distributed to each as their position in the church and service rendered may demand.

"DISTRIBUTION OF NINE-TENTHS

"The distribution to be in the hands of the local churches, with the General Overseer as advisory council, whose duty it shall be to keep a careful record at Headquarters the AMOUNT EACH MINISTER RECEIVES, in order to be prepared to advise with any LOCAL CHURCH, and assist them in REGULATING any IRREGULARITIES.

"SURPLUS

"The surplus to be used for other ministerial purposes such as opening up new work, ASSISTING EVANGELIS-

TIC WORK, work that is not self-sustaining, etc., the work to be under the supervision of the overseer of the state, the local church and pastor, with the General Overseer as advisory council."

The above quotation is from our last General Assembly Minutes and is in vogue today. With our present monthly reporting system, both of the local church treasurer and the minister, those in authority can easily locate any irregularities, as to the financial status of the ministry, and in accordance with the system seek to regulate same. An irregularity in this connection would be, one minister receives \$200.00 tithes per month and another minister receives \$50.00 (or less) tithes per month. There would certainly be a surplus in the first case. Surplus means "that which remains over and above what is required; an excess." In view of these facts it is plain to be seen that if the irregularities could be regulated and the surplus tithes properly distributed, there would be no need for God-called preachers to be engaged in secular work for support, but all not engaged as overseers and pastors could be busy in evangelistic work. The tithes are for the support of the MINISTRY. It is indeed a sacred trust to have the oversight of this fund and the duty of disbursing it in accordance with God's plan.

THE CHURCH AN ORGANISM

The Church of God is one great organism, every member an integral part of the other, in spiritual relationship. In his first letter to the church at Corinth, the Apostle Paul makes this fact very plain in the comparison of the church to the human body. "For the body is not one member, but many. If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body, is it therefore not of the body? And if the ear shall say, Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body, is it therefore not of the body? If the whole body were an eye, where were the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where were the smelling? But now hath God set the members everyone of them in the body, as it hath pleased him. And if they were all one member, where were the body? But now are they many members, yet but one body. And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you. Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary: And those members of the

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ful eye on radicals within the communion." "This is taken by some to mean a declaration of war by those who hold the purse-strings against those who preach the social gospel." The Methodist bishops at large (quite a number) seem to be greatly incensed at such a movement.

Personally, we think it timely. When the laymen think they are not getting the right kind of religious instruction, it becomes their duty to organize for the purpose of promoting that which is, in their opinion, a corrective means. When the ministry no longer serves its true purpose, those who employ such ministers have a right to set that ministry aside. The tremendous deluge of atheism which now fills our universities, colleges and free school system, found its origin in unbelief and lax teaching of the ministry in the Protestant and Catholic churches throughout. There is no particular or general faith, neither within the church or churches nor society, that does not trace itself either directly or indirectly to the ministry of the gospel of Jesus Christ. As the minister of the gospel should be justly accredited with that degree of faith and religious activity which still remains, they must at the same time assume the responsibility in a great sense for all those antagonistic teachings and atheistic societies who are now avowed enemies of the Church. Lack of sufficient evidence of the Divine within the churches presented an open door thru which modernism and atheism have crept in. When ministers preach whole sermons and never mention the name of Christ or the atonement He made, as a consequence unbelief will predominate those who chance to sit within the pew.

On the other hand, where Christ is preached and where the church is sound in the faith which was once and for all delivered unto the saints and the gospel gives evidence of fact, atheism has little chance.

BAPTISTS WITHDRAW FROM NORTHERN CONVENTION

The Temple Baptist church, largest Baptist congregation in Michigan, will withdraw from the Northern Baptist Convention, charging ecclesiastical organization with communistic, unscriptural, and social leadership. The Northern Baptist Convention has a membership of more than 3,000,000. That includes all the Baptist churches in the Northern states. Temple Baptist church has been a member of the organization since its conception. The Rev. Dr. J. Frank Norris, pastor of the church, said, "Resignation from the Northern Baptist Convention will automatically be followed with resignation from the State Baptist Con-

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THE UNSEEN HAND

An ear of corn grown in Mr. Depola's garden near Clarksburg, W. Va., was brought to the Clarksburg Exponent Telegram Office containing four fingers and a thumb. The fingers were extended forward. We are made to wonder how the scientists will explain this freak of nature. This is perhaps a witness of the unseen hand that created "dust storms" that scattered dust on the capitol at Washington which has been causing "brain storms" among the brain-trusts. This hand speaks of the unseen hand that plays its part in crop control.

PRAYER MEETING

Sunday School Times writes that "for twelve years a gathering for intercession has been held from 12:30 p. m. to 3:30 p. m. every Wednesday in the basement of the Town Hall, Sydney, New South Wales. In this time some 200,000 written requests for prayer have been acted on

and over 50,000 praise notes for answered prayer sent in. This work is very commendable. Any local church should have regular observals for prayer given over entirely to intercession for the needs of the church and the lost and dying. Our regular services and even the mid-week prayer meeting is filled with current features of worship, tending to neglect needed intercession.

DEMONIC FORCES

Deeply suggestive symptoms hover in the background. "The German Faith movement," writes the admirably informed Special Correspondent of the Manchester Guardian (Weekly ed., June 21, 1935,) "bears many striking analogies to the anti-God movement in Russia, and has a similar appeal to youth. The Neo-Pagans have the whole-hearted support of the state—they are protected by the police, they enjoy official patronage, and are able to hold meetings and publish books (a rare privilege in Germany today). They are full of real fervor, and a trance-like atmosphere often prevails at their meetings." (Our italics.) "What is behind this world-wide assault of materialism," asks Mr. Athelstan Riley (London Times, June 8, 1935), "this revolt against all authority, this attack on the majesty of God? Why? again are nations like Germany impelled to acts which are clearly contrary to their own interests? . . . Are those not all manifestations of some centrally controlling cause? What is the spirit that seems to be brooding over the globe, for 'we may almost hear the beatings of his wings'?"—*Sunday School Times*.

RED HUNT

A group of prominent Methodist laymen met at the "Union League Club in Chicago on July 29th" and "started a campaign against any social substitute for personal Christianity." The campaign has caused lively debate within religious circles. It was launched "to keep a watch-

Awake and Watch

BY HASKELL COMPTON

TEXT: Rom. 13:11, "And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep, for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed."

We believe that we are living in the evening of time, or, in other words, the last days. The reason we know this is because the Bible teaches us so. The Word is being fulfilled right in our day. It happens just as the Lord said it would. If there ever was a time we needed to stay on our faces, it is now. We realize it is hard to keep the enemy from getting us to do things that are not right. Even if we pray hard, the devil tries to get in our lives, so now if we don't watch, he will creep in, perhaps, in sheep's clothing. What makes it so much harder now than it used to be? Used to we did not have to pray so hard, but now we have to just keep working hard all the time to stay in touch with Jesus. It is the antichrist spirit working; the tribulation is soon coming on. Now you had better "wake up." The Word says the very elect will be deceived if possible. Let us pray that we won't be in that number which will be deceived. If we want to see Jesus in peace, we must stay meek and humble. The time is approaching when the Lord from glory will come. Are you ready for Him to come? Clean up, then you will be ready to go up.

We are nearing the end every day we live. Now you don't want to miss heaven, neither do you want to miss the rapture, but the evil spirit will tell you there is plenty of time to get in a better condition; but now is the day of salvation, not tomorrow. When some of our family is real sick or we are in a bad condition some way, oh, how we can pray, how close we try to get to God. How much more should we stay close to Him for our soul's welfare? Saints, cast off the things of doubt and darkness, and cling to the Lord with all your strength.

Some may say, "It is so hard to stand now and I just don't think I can stand it any longer. I guess I will just have to give up." You tell Jesus about your troubles, He will fix it for you so easily. Let Jesus in your affairs and let Him guide you, then I am sure you will come out all right. Heaven is going to be cheap at any cost.

If we live good lives some one will see Christ in our lives and come to the Savior. They will know that there is a reality in the God we serve. Raise the blood-stained banner as high as you can. The world is so wicked and cold and is getting worse all the time. The Lord wants us to let our lights shine, not just at

church and Sunday School but at home and everywhere we go. Let Jesus lead you and you will never fail nor fall. Eph. 5:14, "Wherefore, he saith, awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give thee light." God doesn't want any one sleeping on the job. As long as we stay awake we will do a good work for the Lord. Now we are talking about being spiritually awake.

Eph. 5:17 says, "Wherefore, be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is." His will is for us to stay awake and not be drowsy lest destruction should come upon us. We must search the Scriptures and see what God would have us do. Perhaps it will be more than you think or want it to be. If we are asleep when Jesus comes it will be no one's fault but our own, because He has told us about it in 1 Thess. 5:6, "Therefore, let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober." We are not talking about natural sleep, or a sleep like Jesus said Lazarus was taking when He said to the disciples, "He is dead." We are talking about Christians because the Christlike should be like Him, and He is never asleep but always on duty, so you and I must be too.

In Luke 22:46 we are warned of coming conflicts. Jesus said unto them, "Why sleep ye? Rise and pray, lest ye enter into temptation." If you sleep you will get in bad. The old deceiver, the devil, will come and try his power a while. Mark 13:36, "Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping." We don't know what time the Lord will come, so be ready at all times. If we knew He would be here in two weeks, it would be a sight to watch all get down to business. If you are asleep, you will miss that marriage supper. He will leave you out and you won't get to enjoy that feast. Matt. 13:25-30. When we sleep the enemy will sow evil seed and may prevent our good work. Be careful and pray much. I feel the Holy Ghost helping me to warn you.

Let us be awake and let people see whose side we are on. Won't you heed the Word just now? Be like Paul. He said, "I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." There is a crown for all who will do the will of God. Let us go to church more and pray as we never have prayed before. Don't let any one hinder you in serving God. They may howl and say all they want to but "I will repay you," saith the Lord. Just stay humble and pray for them. Let us keep our tongues bridled and for our own soul's interest, keep in the clear.

Yes, be of good courage. Jesus will be

here soon. Our time is short here so live holy while you are here. Jesus loves you. Can't you see how He has blessed you in health and strength, also food and water? He gives you all you get. He has protected you from harm and danger. Thank God for everything.

You remember when Jesus went to the garden to pray, He took some of the disciples with Him. As he went to pray they waited for Him but when He returned they were asleep. He was there praying for the people in the world, for the benefit of those who were asleep. Now we must be careful or we will go to sleep, spiritually. If it was good for those disciples to wait and pray when Jesus was in the garden, then it is good for you and me to pray for others and ourselves, and watch and be careful. Jesus, after that, said, "The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak." We must do things sometimes when we don't feel like it. We must be instant in season and out of season. It is a warfare but precious will be the ending. We who have our lives will lose it but if we lose it for His cause we will save it. Praise His name! Sometimes the body may give out but we must hold on to God. He knows all about our affairs and He will safely lead us through all troubles.

Let us be like D. L. Moody, John Wesley, and others. They had a "go through zeal" in them. They were not easy to give up. They really suffered hardships for that lowly Nazarene. Mr. Moody was walking one day, talking to the Lord and the power got on him. He called at a home near by and asked to occupy a room and it was granted him. He went in and prayed God to take the power off him or else he would die with excessive glory. He had victory inside and out. Now we can be that way by holding on to the Lord and praying without ceasing. Just keep climbing the hill. It won't be long until we will cross over. Just stay awake a while longer, then when we get to glory we won't want to sleep. There will be no night there. We feel good when we get a blessing from heaven but that is just a taste of what we will have all the time up in glory. Awake thou that sleepest. We have a heaven to gain and a hell to miss. The word "hell" sounds bad enough, without going there to burn forever and ever in that lake of fire and brimstone. Just think how bad it hurts to burn your finger or hand. Think of the rich man in hell. He is being tormented both day and night. Think how long he has been there and never will get out. Oh, can't you see what awaits those who do not obey God. Let us strive for the mark of perfection and continue to the end for Jesus. It won't last much longer, then

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The Latter Rain

E. C. CLARK, EDITOR

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"For I speak to you Gentiles, inasmuch as I am the apostle of the Gentiles, I magnify mine office: If by any means I may provoke to emulation them which are my flesh, and might save some of them. For if the casting away of them be the reconciling of the world, what shall the receiving of them be, but life from the dead? For if the firstfruit be holy, the lump is also holy: and if the root be holy, so are the branches. And if some of the branches be broken off, and thou, being a wild olive tree, wert grafted in among them, and with them partakers of the root and fatness of the olive tree."
—Rom. 11:13-17.

Here the apostle shows that the Gentiles have been grafted into the tame olive tree, and are with them partakers of the root and fatness of the olive tree. Since we understand the olive tree to be the Jews, we may boldly say whatever temporal blessings they may have received, the Gentiles shall also have. And whatever spiritual blessings they have had are also here invoked upon the Gentiles. In that the Gentiles were grafted into them as a nation, they must receive from them, in their national aspect, whatever spiritual blessings they receive, as much so as a grafted branch is a partaker of the root and fatness of the tree into which it is grafted.

The apostle has warned the Gentiles to continue in the goodness of God, and this continuance in His goodness is the basis on which all blessing rests, temporal or spiritual. A failure to continue is the only way in which we may be cut off from the root and fatness. The apostle here closes his discourse by saying, "For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen." Rom. 11:36.

And that Jesus Christ, according to the seed of David, is the root of the Israelite nation (Isa. 11:1; Rom. 15:12) and spiritual fatness, is vividly clear. The apostle further exhorts, saying, "For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scripture might have hope. Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be likeminded one toward another according to Christ Jesus."—Rom. 15:4, 5.

"That ye may with one mind, and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Wherefore receive ye one another, as Christ also received us

to the glory of God. Now I say that Jesus Christ was a minister of the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made unto the fathers. And that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy: as it is written, For this cause will I confess thee among the Gentiles, and sing unto thy name. And again he saith, Rejoice, ye Gentiles, with his people. And again, Praise the Lord, all ye Gentiles; and laud him, all ye people." Rom. 15:6-11.

"And again, Esaias saith, There shall be a root of Jesse, and he that shall rise to reign over the Gentiles: in him shall the Gentiles trust. Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost." Rom. 15:12-13.

You will here notice in verse eight that Jesus Christ was the minister of God, to confirm the promise made unto the fathers. That the Gentiles might glorify God, is evidently clear here, that whatever promises God made to Israel were also made good to the Gentiles. "For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us. Having abolished in his flesh, the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances: for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace." Eph. 2:14, 15.

Here the apostle asserts that God hath made both Jews and Gentiles one body, having broken down the partition between them. "Having abolished in his flesh the enmity." And since the Gentiles had no priesthood, it was especially fitting that Christ should "abolish" the law of commandments and ordinances. This allowed them both to enter and receive Christ by the mercies of God. Read Rom. 11:32.

He further states that God is of the "twain"; i. e., both Jews and Gentiles, making "one new man." This is the one body—the church. "For by one spirit are we all baptized into one body whether we be Jews or Gentiles." This places the Gentiles on a par with the Jews in regards to any claims of spiritual blessings. "And came and preached peace to you that were afar off (the Gentiles) and to you that were nigh (the Jews). For through him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father." Eph. 2:17, 18.

By this time we would think the reader's mind would be clear that whatever blessings the Jews or Israel may have

in Christ, likewise the Gentiles have had. "God so loved the world, that he gave," not to Israel any more than other nations. Israel was simply the "chosen generation, a royal priesthood," through which God chose to evangelize the world, at the beginning of the gospel age. But God has used them interchangeably—Jews preached to the Gentiles, and Gentiles have and are preaching to the Jews.

And that God will have kings and priests out of every nation is certain. Rev. 5:9. "He that overcometh" is the basis on which Christ has chosen to place us in positions of royalty with Himself. Not Peter and John, but they for whom it is prepared of my Father. They that suffer with Him shall also reign with Him.

That Israel is to be restored and made the head of the nations under Christ, is clear, yet as we have been partakers of the rain of His Spirit together in the church age, we shall still worship together and receive the latter rain, in its national aspect, as is clear from the reading of Zech. 14:16, 17. "He that is left of the nations, shall worship the King and shall have rain."

The claims of those who assert that the Gentiles have no claim on the blessings of latter rain, is wholly unreasonable and absurd, and is only made for the sole purpose of dodging the issue as to whether all may yet receive the Holy Ghost as on the day of Pentecost.

We would have had no knowledge of early and latter rain, except the Word of God had declared it. As the usage of the terms "early rain" and "latter rain," are in the New Testament, we know, therefore, it is spiritual rain to which they refer. Yet these terms are taken from the Old Testament, where it is inferred that it was natural rain. But it must be remembered that all the while God was sending natural rain on crops in Israel, He was likewise blessing them with spiritual blessings, to an extent.

THE OUTPOURING OF THE SPIRIT

Praise God for the word "pour" (Gr. echeo.) It denotes plentitude of spiritual blessings. As it is written, "I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh." There is a very unique feature about the scriptural setting of Zech. 10:1; 2:28. And it is this, God has admonished us to "ask ye of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain (Heb. molokosh); so the Lord shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain." The word used in the Hebrew for rain is the word "motar," which simply means rain and is oftentimes modified by the words "early" or "latter," but here there is a more descriptive word used to define or denote the kind of rain God has in mind for us in the time of the latter rain. It is here translated "showers", from the Hebrew word "geshem," which means a "violent"

rain, a heavy shower. The word "geshem" which is here translated "showers," has been robbed of some of its true meaning and etymology in being simply translated "showers." Indeed God has more than showers of rain, God wants to give us heavy showers, violent rains that will saturate every weary soul, and satisfy every aching heart.

Not only does God want to do this, but God especially wants to give us rain in such a way and manner as to be entirely copious, not for our own benefits, but more so that the Church of God may be nourished into its maturity and fruitfulness of yielding unto God "by whom it is dressed." Rain is not enough, it must be heavy and violent to move things in these days of apostasy and coldness. Let us therefore "ask for rain," heavy and violent, that will wash the face of the earth off us, and let the Rock of Christ be manifested after the earth life, the human has been submerged into Christ by the outpoured Spirit of God. There is also another word and promise to Joel 2:23 which I wish you to notice. It is the word "moderately" which comes from the Hebrew word "tsudoqoh," meaning rectitude, right. We use the word "moderately" in English to mean almost entirely a different thing from which the Hebrew here contains, thereby causing us to lose sight of the thing which God desires us to have and to know. I will cause to come down to you the "rain according to the right"; i. e., the rain in just measure, as the ground naturally requires. I will cause to come down for you the rain (Heb. motar), the former rain (Heb. moreh geshem), and the latter (Heb. molkosh) rain.

Here in this promise God has promised to send rain upon us according to "right," according as the ground may naturally require, in a just measure. It is therefore God who must, in the days of modernism and coldness, "cause to come down" upon us the rain in such quantities as we may need. Here again as in Zech. 10:1 we have coupled with these promises the Hebrew word "geshem" which synchronizes with the word "pour", giving us to understand that in the time of the latter rain God will not stop until He has poured out upon us rains of plenty, rains of violence. We may, therefore, instead of expecting a mitigation of the latter rain, expect that it shall continue to develop in a heavy, violent tide that will sweep things from before the Church of God, giving it power and gifts of such spiritual qualification as God has purposed in His own heart. Praise God!

We notice that water is the result of rain. We see the pools, the rivers, and the great rivers are each the result of rain. When the rain continues to fall the earth

is not only refreshed but the streams of water also swell. And as we have observed these things because of the falling of the natural rain, what have we observed because of the falling of spiritual rain?

Have we not also found that the falling of the latter rain causes pools and rivers? Certainly so. In John 7:38, it is expressly stated by Jesus that "He that believeth on me, as the Scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water." Notice here, it is he that believeth "as the Scripture hath said," not as some opposer of God's Word says, but as the Scriptures say.

"But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because Jesus was not yet glorified." John 7:39. As the rain forms the rivers of water, just so have we here the rivers of spiritual water flowing from the being of those that receive the Holy Ghost which is the result of the spiritual rain of the Old Testament. This is that spiritual water with which Apollos watered and God gave the increase, the waters which proceed from the river of water. "The streams thereof which shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the most High." Psa. 46:4. "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled." Matt. 5:6. FILLED, "And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all filled with the Holy Ghost." Acts 2:1-4.

REQUESTS

Please pray a special prayer for my poor lost children. Some of them have gone far in sin and if the Lord doesn't undertake I don't know what will become of them. Help me pray earnestly that God will save them.—Luellar Humphries, New Holland, Ga.

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On my return home from the Kansas state convention I was taken suddenly ill with ptomaine poison but after five or six hours of suffering God touched me. I was strengthened enough to come over two hundred miles home. God has also delivered me from an affliction with which I have suffered for over a year. I desire your prayers that I may gain my strength and get back in his service.—C. E. French, evangelist, Cantwell, Mo.

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Please pray that I may be healed of my trouble whatever the cause. My side where I was operated on is causing me so much suffering. I have been down a week. Pray for God to heal me, D. V., that I won't have to be operated on

again.—Miss Elma Lariscy, Rt. 2, Sylvania, Ga.

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Please pray for me. I am suffering with nervousness. I can't sleep after midnight, my legs are painful. Pray that God will give me health and a heart full of joy.—Mrs. Anna Smith, c/o J. B. Patterson, Rt. 4, Box 104, Baxley, Ga.

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Dear saints, pray much for me. I need help from God. Pray that my husband will be healed of pyorrhea. It seems that the poison has gone through his body. Pray that God will give me victory and that my people will be saved. Pray for Him to heal my mother of pellagra and my father of asthma, also my brother has fainting spells. Pray that He will send us a Holy Ghost filled preacher to this community and organize a Church of God here.—One who needs prayer.

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Pray that God will continue to undertake for me in my trouble, and give me complete victory.—Mrs. Annie Wingard, Maben, Ala.

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Please pray a special prayer for my husband. He has one time known the Lord but has let sin come into his life and it has wrecked our home. I am having a hard test so please pray that God will undertake for me. He understands all. I have the Holy Ghost but the enemy is working so hard. Please pray a special prayer for me and my home.—A friend.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LITERATURE

The General Assembly has been moved forward a few days, beginning Oct. 5th. That Sunday School literature may reach Sunday schools in due time, it will be necessary that orders be placed as early as possible so that shipment can be made before the General Assembly. Our work is greatly increased here in making preparations for the Assembly itself, therefore we will appreciate orders for Sunday school literature at the earliest date possible. Send cash with order. Write name and address plainly.

CHURCH OF GOD PUB. HOUSE
Cleveland, Tennessee

Convention Reports

Report of Pennsylvania State Convention

The Pennsylvania state convention was held June 25-30 in the beautiful Edgewood Grove church where it has been held for the last eight years. I wish there was some way in which I could describe this convention in all its fullness and richness, but that would be impossible. We will be able to hit only the high points and give just a slight idea of what a wonderful convention it was. I am sure God's smile was upon this convention as a whole, and if the devil got in at all, he was crowded way back in the corner, and he couldn't have come near if all of God's children were living under the blood of Jesus Christ which is our great and precious privilege. When I think of how these conventions overflow our hearts, it makes me wonder what that great convention will be like up yonder.

The first service opened at 7:30 p. m. with a very large delegation of saints and a full house, all happy and bright-faced, looking forward to a great feast. The Pennsylvania orchestra was in its place on time. And Pennsylvania can boast of a large orchestra of horns of various kinds and stringed instruments, and it was in good trim spiritually, for the music and singing was fine and very inspiring.

The welcome addresses were given from the depth of the soul and the responses were equally as hearty. We all felt welcome as the precious Holy Ghost came down in power, as much as to say: "Welcome, children." How good we all felt away down deep in our souls!

The sermons seemed to be like stepping-stones. One subject went right into the next and opened the way for the next speaker without overlapping or intruding on the next speaker's material. Some of the subjects were, "The New Birth", "Sanctification", "Holiness", "State of Holiness", "Love", "Charitable Realm", "Holy Ghost", "Modest Apparel", "Tithes", "The Millennial Reign", "Justification", "The Judgments", "Stability", and other precious subjects were brought out. Brother Blankenship believes that if there was ever a time when God's children should know the doctrines of God, it is in these last closing days in which we are now living.

You can see how carefully he tried to get these timely subjects in the minds of his ministers. With such a leader as our

state overseer the Church of God in Pennsylvania is bound to move on at a rapid pace. He labors so vigorously that we, as workers, must keep stepping to keep in pace with him. We thank God for a good man like Brother Blankenship to take our dear Brother Poteat's place.

The crowds grew until at one meal there were around 1,200 fed, but the dining room and kitchen were carried on with such perfect system that it was made easy to feed the people. Everyone was well served and seemed satisfied; very little complaining was heard. Brother Bixier proved to be a very capable manager and handled the material part of the convention in a satisfactory manner. Brother Albert Smith was at his post of duty as in former years (we could hardly get along without him). Sister Smith had charge of the dining room throughout the convention, and the love and light of Jesus shone from her face there as well as when she is preaching the gospel from the pulpit. The churches took their turn gladly and cheerfully to serve in the dining room and kitchen which made the whole affair one unit of smoothness and success. By Friday the free meal tickets were used up, beds were all taken, so great was the crowd. I believe one man—being a stranger—asked if this was the General Assembly.

The early morning services were well attended. They were a great blessing to the sick, for it was there they were prayed for for their afflictions. They also proved to be a filling station by the way the people shouted, danced, and praised God. God's power came down in a mighty way as they testified and rejoiced in the Lord.

The folks were not too busy or too tired to give the altar the proper attention. Four received the Holy Ghost in one night, some stayed and prayed until daylight the next morning.

The orphanage offering was \$54.53. The offering for the whole convention was \$239.36. The food was taken care of by the different churches, a booth handled by the Somerset people, and proceeds from the kitchen booth.

We were made happy to have our very highly esteemed General Overseer with us. He is a real man of God who can rejoice over our success, or weep over the conditions caused by the evil powers. He can sympathize with us, or he can be very rigid in admonishing the lay members or the ministry. I must speak

of one of the sermons he preached, "Advice to the Ministry", including the wives. That was surely a God-given message. I wish I could relate it in detail.

We were very glad to welcome the visiting ministers and friends from other states: Brother Robert Seyda from Maryland, Brother Patton from West Virginia, Brother J. A. Muncy from Kentucky, Sister Suit from Ohio, Sister Helen Morrow (who spoke in behalf of the Evangel) from Ohio, Sister Clara Mullikin from Maryland, Brother Carl Milligan from Maryland, Brother Hesketh and family from Maine, and Brother Hatfield, a B. T. S. student from West Virginia, who is evangelizing in the state. Brother Hatfield is a real prospect for God.

We are all proud of our Y. P. E. and also of our Y. P. E. state supt., Rolla Muncy. Our Y. P. E. is talented in speaking, singing, and playing. How proud we were to view them as they marched from the dining hall to the church each night. How noble they looked with the glow of God on their faces. Folks, how we ought to encourage the young people to keep on the firing line for God. Some of them are fine prospects for the B. T. S. and ministry. They surely rendered some fine programs and the power of the Holy Ghost was with them. It was good to have some of the B. T. S. students with us. They are loyal boosters of their school, and their conduct while in the state is an honor to the B. T. S.

There were so many special songs and music volunteered that all couldn't be used, especially by our visiting friends from other states. The colored people were in their usual place, having charge of the Saturday evening service. We always enjoy the colored program. They believe in taking their liberty in the Lord.

In conclusion we will say, The convention was a glorious success from the first service to the last. The weather was beautiful throughout the convention and everybody said, "It was good for us to be here!" Pray for our work in Pennsylvania and that God will give our state overseer health, strength and grace for the task that awaits him in the future which is the construction of the state headquarters. We became more enthused about the prospects after the way Brother J. A. Muncy outlined the headquarters at Kentucky. We need one in Pennsylvania by the way the convention grew this year. May God bless the great Church of God in general is my prayer. —Mrs. E. P. Kimball, Williamsburg, Pa.

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Oklahoma Camp Meeting

To say the Oklahoma camp meeting was great is putting it mild. It was said to be the best ever in the state. There were many visitors present. Brother and

Sister Waters of Paris, Texas, came here for a few days and were a boost to our singing. A carload of men from Fort Worth, Texas, came a few days. Brother Cox, their pastor, brought us a wonderful message on "The Church", which made us to see the church more clearly. Then Brother R. P. Johnson, state overseer of Texas, came bringing the Texas B. T. S. quartet with him. Their singing was enjoyed by all. Brother Johnson brought us some good messages. The Oklahoma preachers brought some good messages. Every sermon seemed to be just what was needed.

Sunday evening was given over to the B. T. S. students. The talks certainly made us all want to go to school. Brother Archie McWilliams of Michigan brought us a wonderful message on "Giving Our Lives to Jesus."

The 8:30 service in the morning was given over to Bible study. There we learned more of the rules of the church and what it takes to be a true Christian. The 10:30 a. m. and 3:00 p. m. services were preaching services. Each minister seemed to be at his best for God. Each night found many in the altar weeping their way to God. We didn't keep account of those who prayed through, but it was a goodly number. Brother McWilliams and the writer had charge of a junior meeting every evening at 6:45. The Lord blessed in these services.

Brothers Latimer and Walker came on Thursday and spent the last few days with us. Brother Latimer brought us some fine messages on prophecies which showed us the need of searching the Scriptures to know wherein we stand and to always be able to give an answer to every man. Brother Wood, the overseer, brought a great message on "The Progress of the Church" on Wednesday, that being his fiftieth birthday. He was then showered with gifts from many of his pastors and friends. Many spoke of his work in the state and his co-operation with his ministers. The singing was great. The Lord surely did bless and many specials were rendered by talented singers.

The report of the work in Oklahoma was given, which showed that it is growing. The Sunday Schools are on the increase. There was an increase of six new Sunday Schools, several new churches, and an increase in the old ones; we also have several new ministers in the state.

We gave special thanks unto the Lord for the way He has blessed in Oklahoma this year. Instead of parched ground and hot winds as we had last year, we had corn and grass and cool winds. We also want to thank the Maud church for their hospitality to the visitors. We certainly were well cared for. The Oklahoma camp

meeting of 1935 is in history but if the Lord delays His coming, I would like to be at the next camp meeting.—One who enjoyed every service, Etta Rae Woodall, Marshall, Texas.

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The Missouri State Convention

The Missouri state convention convened at the High School Auditorium at Desloge, Missouri, Aug. 15-18 inclusive, with Brother W. J. Milligan, state overseer, in charge. Brother Zeno Boyer represented the business men of Desloge and made the welcome address. He surely made everyone feel welcome. Several ministers throughout the state gave responses. Brother I. H. Marks brought a fiery message and the power of God was manifested. Service closed with prayer and friendly greetings.

Friday morning during the first song the power began falling. Brother Milligan read a scripture lesson and the convention was opened with prayer by Brother J. H. Walker. Brother B. F. Cooper delivered a wonderful message on "Be Ye Filled With the Spirit." Brother D. K. Murphy then spoke, followed by some general instructions by Brother S. W. Latimer. Friday evening Brother Stanley Joplin spoke on "The Coming of God's Kingdom and Universal Obedience." This was one of the best sermons preached during the convention. Brother B. F. Clark spoke on "Love." This was a message that truly drew us closer together. On Friday night Brother S. W. Latimer spoke on "Present Conditions in the Light of Prophecy." He made very plain from the Bible present conditions.

Saturday morning another good shower from Heaven began falling from the first song and a great feast was had all during the song service. A mission offering was taken, which amounted to one hundred dollars. We surely do feel that Missouri has gone over the top with her missions. Brother C. L. Barker spoke on "The Preacher and His Support." This was an encouraging message to all. Brother S. W. Latimer delivered a wonderful message on "Co-workers Together with Him." Saturday evening the reports of the churches was given. Most all gave encouraging reports of the progress of the Church and most all reported an increase in Sunday School. Come on, Missouri, work for your Sunday School. Brother Latimer then answered questions. Saturday night was given to the C. of G. Y. P. E. Sister Harrison was unable to be with us so Brother J. H. Walker had charge of this service. He spoke on "Choosing and Serving." Each president and superintendent present spoke in behalf of this union. A love offering was taken for Brother Latimer. Several special songs and music were rendered during this service. Dr. Reeves and his quartet

from Desloge were with us in this service and sang for us.

Sunday morning we had a very inspiring service. Brother J. H. Walker delivered a wonderful message and gave a few remarks in the interest of the Bible School. An ordination service was held for the purpose of ordaining Brother J. M. Foshe a bishop. Brother Latimer then brought a short but powerful message on "The Present Need of the Church." Another feast from Heaven was enjoyed at the close of this message. Brothers Latimer, J. H. Walker and Miss Iredell Walker left at the close of the noon service for Cleveland in order to attend the funeral of Brother F. M. Waldron which was held there Tuesday.

Sunday evening an offering was taken for the orphans. It amounted to twenty-four dollars. Several good fiery sermonettes were given, followed by a soul-stirring and uplifting message by Brother Raymond Orrick.

Sunday night services were wonderful. The expression service as to how we enjoyed the convention, was conducted by Brother Raymond Worley. Brother C. L. Barker brought the closing message of the convention, which closed at 9:15 with song, prayer and good-byes.

This was one of the best conventions Missouri has ever had. We are thankful for those who helped to make it so, for the several different quartets who sang throughout the convention, the many ones who sang special songs, and for the music which was under the able leadership of Brother J. H. Walker, assisted by Chas. Griffard. The Lord surely did supply our every need. The business men of the city contributed the rent for the Auditorium. We certainly did appreciate this. We had several delegates from other states. The Lord was with us from the first service to the last. Sweet fellowship among God's people was here. Let us purpose in our hearts, saints, to see Missouri rise and shine for God more than ever in the forthcoming year.—Howard Robertson, Cantwell, Mo., clerk.

SPECIAL NOTICE

To those who are engaged in evangelistic work, etc., I have reduced the price on my new song book, "Choice Gems", to 10c per copy, 3 for 25c, \$1.00 per dozen, postpaid. This book has a nice selection of twenty-six old time holiness songs, and the people like it, it is selling fast. Let me hear from you with an order at once. Send all orders to

J. R. WEST
Catlettsburg, Ky.

MISSIONS

A Great Missionary

BY D. F. BALDREE

Jesus Christ the Son of God is the greatest Missionary of all the age or phases of the age. He became a missionary because God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16.

God warned the kings of the nations to accept His Son, Ps. 2:10-12. "Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth. Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the son, lest He be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him."

"Kiss the son" is a figure of speech (if I properly understand) and means to accept the Son, "Lest he be angry and ye perish." The first three verses of this 2nd Psalm show with Acts 4:25-28 that the kings, instead of accepting Him, raged against Him. That leaves the common folks to accept Him, as the Father says, in spite of their rejections, "Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion," v. 6, hence He will have a kingdom and, of course, subjects in that kingdom.

This is the trouble with the nations today, they have refused this counsel. President Coolidge said that Christianity has not had a chance at the problems of world peace. Why? Because the Christ Himself has been rejected!

Every kingdom that fully and finally rejects will collapse into decay. Repeated history goes to prove this in the past, and prophecy, the future. He says, "I have set my king upon my holy hill of Zion," sealed in God's eternal purpose!

The greatest empires of today are lorded over by financial kings and they, as others have, are rejecting the Son. There is danger of His being angry and His wrath being dealt out. This wrath comes thru revolt against government and capital by forces that seem far worse than capital and even from government, but the revolters will alike come to their end and none shall help them because they put their trust in Antichrist, who, of course, will be overthrown by the Son of God.

In the face of such political eruptions, it seems to the writer that it is of vital importance that the Church of God have a clearer form of teaching to make it plain to other nations that the Church of God is not pulling for political pres-

tige, and that its sole purpose in sending missionaries is to establish principles that will save every nation under the sun, if these principles are accepted. A document of this kind would help other nations thru their rulers to more quickly and plainly see our friendliness to all, regardless of nationality. Professed Christianity has so failed and thru political and governmental tools oppressed the common folks, that it is hard to teach them with the true gospel. Proper government is as essential as the nation itself, and dignitaries are not to be evil spoken of, those who are of the right type, but when the love of money and love of power rules out the power of love, it is in danger of its own decay.

The need of money and power in the right way is not to be confused with the above statement. We stand in need of more money and the right kind of power to properly carry on the missionary work, considering that authority is power, authority to preach and defend the gospel of Jesus Christ in the spirit of love. Those who give up loved ones, friends, and homes to preach the full gospel surely are impelled by the love of God. Others have this same love but the prince of darkness has hindered and is still hindering thru the channels herein described, just as the angel was hindered in the case of Daniel; but, in the face of these things, we must not let up, but pray, consecrate, give and go more, for there are others who will hear the gospel if they can have it presented in its true form, and the Lord has need of them. Lord, send more laborers into thy vineyard.

Requests

We are in a revival near Graham, N. C., in a tobacco country, preaching holiness. The attendance is good. Pray for us. We are just starting out in the Lord's work. I am an evangelist in the Church of God.—Floyd E. Boger and co-workers.

Please pray for the revival here at Hudson, Fla.—Mrs. S. B. Hatcher.

Please pray for me. I have been in bad health about six years and I am trusting Jesus. Pray also that I'll get to go to Bible School this fall.—Laveda Sanderson,

Rt. 1, Texola, Okla.

Dear friends, pray for my unsaved children. One of the girls is not well so pray for her. I have a daughter and family at Maud who need prayer. Also pray for me to be true and that the Lord will make some way for me to clear my farm of a mortgage that is held against it.—Annie A. Wright, Rt. 3, c/o S. M. Pellham, Candler, Okla.

Pray for a sister here who is very sick. Her stomach has dropped and there is a growth where her stomach should be. She also has a floating kidney and side pleurisy.—Virginia Crum, Mallory, W. Va.

I request pray for my baby who has whooping cough.—Mrs. Gypsie Chapman, Landville, W. Va.

I have been suffering very much with my eyes. Please ask the Lord to heal me. Also pray for my feet to be healed.—Melvin Smith, Gibson, Ga.

Dear saints, pray for the healing of my body. I have been almost a nervous wreck since the death of my husband last fall, am also suffering with my heart. Pray for God to move against the powers of darkness in this place. Shelby seems to be like unto the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. We need prayer.—Mamie Lee Anderson, 625 S. DeKalb St., Shelby, N. C.

Pray for me to receive the precious Holy Ghost. Also pray that God will make it possible for us to have a building in which to worship. We have a lot on which to build. Pray that He will make a way for me to attend the Assembly, D. V.—W. I. Head, 1230 Walnut St., Kingsport, Tenn.

Please join me in pray for the healing of my father's body.—Ella Mae Stevens, Folsom, La.

We have just closed a two weeks' meeting in Marvin community three and a half miles south of Cherry Valley, Ark., in which ten were saved, eight sanctified, and seven filled with the Holy Ghost. Pray for this place. We intend to have a baptizing later, and maybe a new church. Please pray for me as I am bedfast with a very sore leg and have many calls for meetings.—A. R. Willingham, Cherry Valley, Ark.

Our revival started at Banning, Ga., Aug. 25, under a brush arbor. Please pray that the Holy Ghost will take charge and many souls be saved.—W. E. Feltman, Rt. 2, Whitesburg, Ga.

NOTICES

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of our YEARBOOKS which are just off the press or send and get one now. The October number of the The Lighted Pathway will bring us to the close of another church year. It has been the best year The Lighted Pathway has ever had. All bills have been paid so far. We want to thank all who have contributed to its support by financial aid, by prayers, or by service. May God bless you for all the service you have rendered. Don't forget the paper this month. Send in your order and help us go over the top with the October number.—Sincerely, COMMITTEE.

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There will be a special dedicatory service of the tent pitched next to the Church of God, mill No. 1, Durst Ave. Extension, Greenwood, S. C., Sept. 8. There will be all-day services. We expect to have good music, good singing and several speakers. Come with a well-filled basket and an open heart and let God bless your soul.—Margaret Jacobs, evangelist.

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Any one who plays the guitar and sings well, who would like to travel in evangelistic work after the Assembly, write me and make arrangements to see me at the Assembly. We're in a meeting now in Nauvoo, Ala. Pray for souls to be saved.

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Any one desiring to go to the Assembly with us, let us hear from you. Will be leaving Docena, Ala., about Oct. 4.—Thos. Evans, Adamsville, Ala.

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To the local Y. P. E's in Florida: The state Y. P. E. convention will convene at Wimauma, Fla., Sept. 14, 15. Services will begin Saturday morning at 10:00 a. m. and close Sunday at 4:30 p. m. Each local Endeavor is expected to send at least one delegate and as many more as possible. Pray earnestly that God will bless. Help make the convention a success by your presence. Be there for the opening service. Pastors, please take special interest and see that your local Endeavor is represented. Come praying that the Father, Son and Holy Ghost will have control.—E. W. Williams, state superintendent; James Cross, assistant state superintendent.

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I will take passengers to Chattanooga, Tenn., for \$5.00 each, round trip. I have a good covered truck with good seats. We will leave Lakeland, Fla., Oct. 3rd at 7:00 a. m., going by way of Dade City, Williston, High Springs, and Branford.—M. D. Lewis, Plymouth, Fla.

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There will be a home coming at Free-

burn, Ky., the third Sunday in September, Sept. 15th. Everybody is welcome. Come and bring a well-filled basket. There will be lots of good preaching, singing and music. If you have any musical instruments, bring them along.—W. B. Webb, pastor.

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Dear pastors on the Valdese, N. C., district: We are asking that each of you take an offering the fourth Sunday in September for our highly esteemed and much beloved district pastor, Brother B. J. Hillhouse, and take it to the home coming the fifth Sunday or send it to him. We call this a love offering and it is to pay his expenses to the Assembly. Hurrah for Valdese district! Let us put this over the top. He has not asked for it but you obey the still small voice from on high and we will not fail.—A brother in Christ.

SPECIAL NOTICE

To

Pastors and Clerks of Local Churches

Annual report forms have been sent to all the church clerks. If for any reason some clerks have failed to receive an annual report form, will you please drop us a card and we will send you one at once?

It is very necessary that we have these forms in order to determine the number of members, the value of church property, etc. In short, it is from these reports that our statistical report for the Assembly is made. Will all the pastors see to it that these forms are sent to Headquarters not later than Sept. 25th? General Sec.-Treas.

To the pastors and churches in New Mexico: Those who have not paid your quota on the 40c general indebtedness drive, I will appreciate it very much if you will see to this right away. Soon the Assembly will convene and we will be lacking one thing or more if we fail; also the 10c for the aged ministers. It will take only 50c to be in the clear on both. If you haven't paid yours, do so at once please.

There are some churches behind with their quota, I am sure, on account of transferring some who never paid their part, some being excluded; probably others having been taken in since the rule was passed on the 40c per member. I am sure if you will speak about this to them, even the new members, they will be glad to share our burden with us. Come on, let's raise our quota, New Mexico.—Yours truly, M. E. Drake, overseer of New Mexico, Carlsbad, N. Mex.

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I am an evangelist in the Church of

God and am open for calls. For reference write Brother J. C. Childers, John St., Walhalla, S. C.—Frank L. Muller, Walhalla, S. C.

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If any one knows the address of E. S. Starr, please let me know at once.—Mrs. Bulah Brooks, Altoona, Ala.

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Our revival at St. Albans Church of God closed with twenty-three precious souls saved, nine sanctified, eight filled with the Holy Ghost, twenty-three baptized in water, and ten added to the Church. It was the best meeting we have had in several years. Brother Dunn was in charge. We will have a home coming at St. Albans church, at stop 17 on the St. Albans car line, Sept. 22. This is for the Huntington district. Every one is invited to come and bring a basket. We are planning on having dinner on the ground. There will be several good speakers. Everybody come.—Opal Harper, clerk, St. Albans, W. Va.

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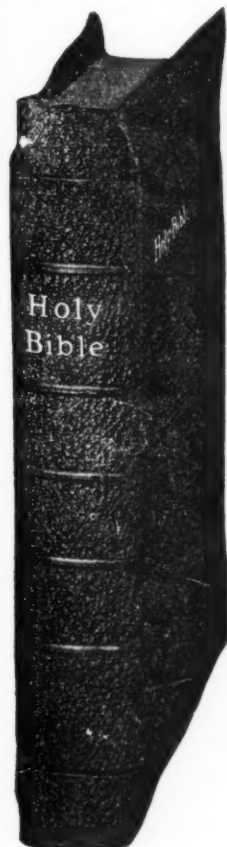
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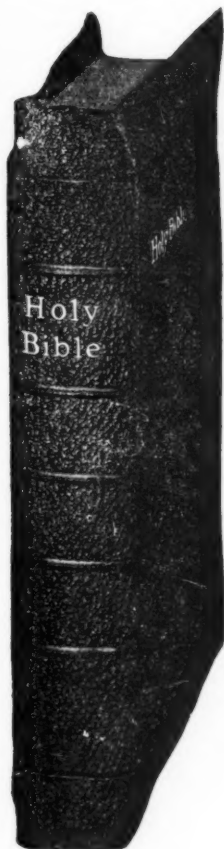
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we will be happy forever. Then perhaps we can talk to old Brothers Paul, Stephen, and Peter, and they will tell us how they overcame. We haven't had any trouble to what we will have if we live much longer. Many things are coming on the saints of God to try them. There is coming a time when you will pray. Better put in good time now while it will accomplish something. Every knee is going to bow and every tongue confess.

Have you ever been sick or out of work or had something bad confronting you and you finally took it to Jesus and really got down to business. You would make some promises to Him, then when things worked out all right you began to forget God and something worse would happen. You would then remember what you promised God, but was ashamed to make any more promises, for you knew God knew what you would do? Now when you make a vow you had better keep it, because it will get you in bad to vow and then break it. Awake and be on the job for the Lord so when you need Him He will be present, and there will be no cause for Him not to answer. When you hear that small voice say, "Pray," you must pray if you want to be a power for God.

In Matthew 7:21, Jesus said, "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven, but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven." What is the will of God? That you pay tithes to God, give offerings, help the needy, and visit the sick more than what we do. If we ever needed to awake to spirituality it is now, because when the Lord gives out those crowns and rewards we will see where we missed it. Paul said these rewards and crowns were for us and now we must accept them. Have we been faithful like Paul? Paul said, "Be ye followers of me even as I am a follower of the Lord." He was so sure of his victory that he invited us to follow him, by saying that he knew if we followed him we would not miss the beautiful city, to live forever with Jesus. Won't it be wonderful when we get there? We will see things we don't know anything about. We will inquire what they are. We might ask Gabriel or Michael or maybe Jesus, anyway we will find out what things are over there. Let us be wise down here for the Lord and we will be well paid for our suffering and troubles when we enter into that happy city. The reason I say "happy city" is because every one there will be happy.

Jesus wants all to have eternal life. Now don't sleep around like the five foolish virgins. They did not have the

power with God that was needed to go when the Bridegroom called. They were Christians all right or they would never have been called virgins, but there was something lacking. Here is a deeper experience with the God of Heaven. Five of them were doing their part and had obeyed the Word and were ready when the Bridegroom called. Are you ready? Is there anything that will keep you from going to heaven? The world is getting ready to fight against God and they are trying to do away with our salvation, something that the Ruler of Heaven and earth gave us. Hold on, saints. Pray much so you will be able to stand. The Lord will take care of you. You may be killed but Jesus will claim your spirit and soul. Won't that be wonderful when the Lord takes us in His care to never let us be sick any more? There will be no more troubles? Thank God! Pray much. Pray for more charity. It is needed so badly just now. We Christians must be warned because the Bible says they will deceive the very elect if possible.

Be Christlike. He was tempted in all manner as we are and He overcame it all. He is our example, and He was tempted but didn't yield to any of them. You may say He was the Son of God and it was easy for Him to overcome. Was it easy for Him to be tempted forty days? He did not do anything the devil asked Him to do. He came to do the will of God just as you and I are to do, and He did it, so that proves that it can be done. We need to be meek, lowly, humble, obedient, serving God at all times. Don't give up now. You are too near the end of the race. You may say, "I can't go any farther. I must give up. I don't know whether I could stand this, that and the other or not," but you didn't read where Jesus felt that way about it, did you? You may say you are not Jesus. Yes, I know that, but He said for us to obey and be Christlike. You will say, "If Brother and Sister So and So can get by with the life they live, I know I can." That is not the right idea. How do you know they are getting by with it? You must live a devoted life with God to get there. Let us believe all the Bible for it is true. You see everything is happening just like the Lord said it would. Please live good and gain that mansion He has prepared for you and all who accept Him. Study your Bible more, pray more, stay humble at the feet of Jesus and all will come out all right. May God help you to stay awake spiritually speaking, and be worthy of the crown, reward, and entrance to the holy city promised by the Holy Master. Remember my text, 13:11, "And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep, for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed." May God bless all who read this.

REQUESTS

Dear saints, please pray for the healing of my body. My heart bothers me at times and I'm trusting in the Lord for complete healing. Also pray for my baby and mother that they may be healed. I am a member of The Church of God and am praying for the Holy Ghost.—A sister in Christ, Ethel Clagg, Louisa, Ky., Rt. 2.

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Please pray that our church will continue to prosper. There never has been better unity. Our Sunday School is progressing fine. Pray for our Y. P. E. services which start Thursday, Aug. 29th. Also pray for our pastor and Sunday School teachers.—H. Johnson, clerk, Oxford, Ohio.

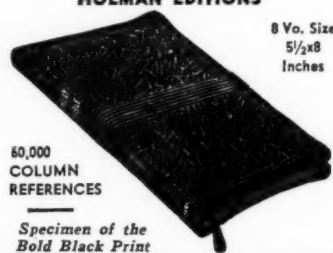
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I want the saints everywhere to pray for me. My legs hurt me so much. I don't know what is wrong, I haven't seen a doctor, I am trusting the Lord for my all. Please pray for my husband as he is very wicked. He has once had the blessing but is a backslider. Pray hard for him. Also pray for our meeting that is to begin Sept. 10th in charge of Brother Ford.—A sister in Christ, Cora McCrary, Gunter, Tex.

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Again, we say that every minister in the church not engaged as overseer or pastor should be continuously engaged in evangelistic work and with the proper co-operation upon the part of the overseers and pastors, and the strict distribution of the tithes and mission fund in accordance with the ruling of the General Assembly, this will be possible. There are God-called ministers in the church, those who have had many years of experience in the ministry, who are not at present engaged as overseer or pastor, who would be glad to be engaged in evangelistic work. They have families to support and children to school. There is a place for every one of these ministers to work in the church. God has provided for the support of their families as much so as he has provided for the support of the ministers engaged as overseers and pastors. This is in accordance with the Bible, also the ruling of our General Assembly. "Each overseer is to have oversight of his state and, as much as possible, conduct or ORDER a general EVANGELISTIC campaign over his state during the year. The pastor or overseer of each district shall have helpers or assistant pastors, who shall be under his supervision, for

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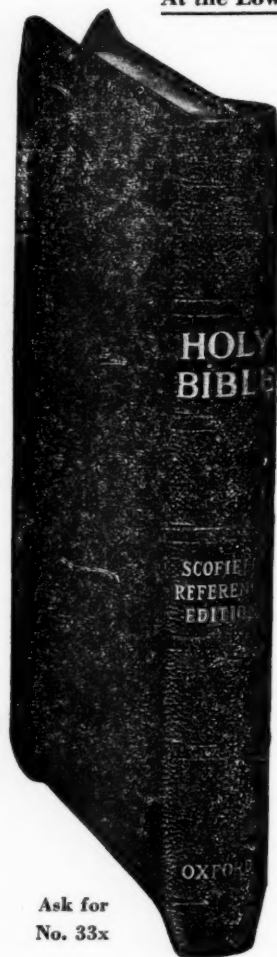
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